

FRIEND OF THE COURT ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 294 of 1982

552.502a Definitions; M to T.

Sec. 2a. As used in this act:

(a) "Medical assistance" means medical assistance as established under title XIX of the social security act, 42 USC 1396 to 1396r-6 and 1396r-8 to 1396v.

(b) "Office" and "office of the friend of the court" mean an agency created in section 3.

(c) "Payer" means a person ordered by the circuit court to pay support.

(d) "Public assistance" means cash assistance provided under the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, 400.1 to 400.119b.

(e) "Recipient of support" means the following:

(i) The spouse, if the support order orders spousal support.

(ii) The custodial parent or guardian, if the support order orders support for a minor child or a child who is 18 years of age or older.

(iii) The family independence agency, if support has been assigned to that department.

(f) "State advisory committee" means the committee established by the bureau under section 19.

(g) "State disbursement unit" or "SDU" means the entity established in section 6 of the office of child support act, 1971 PA 174, MCL 400.236.

(h) "Support" means all of the following:

(i) The payment of money for a child or a spouse ordered by the circuit court, whether the order is embodied in an interim, temporary, permanent, or modified order or judgment. Support may include payment of the expenses of medical, dental, and other health care, child care expenses, and educational expenses.

(ii) The payment of money ordered by the circuit court under the paternity act, 1956 PA 205, MCL 722.711 to 722.730, for the necessary expenses incurred by or for the mother in connection with her confinement, for other expenses in connection with the pregnancy of the mother, or for the repayment of genetic testing expenses.

(iii) A surcharge under section 3a of the support and parenting time enforcement act, MCL 552.603a.

(i) "Support and parenting time enforcement act" means 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.601 to 552.650.

(j) "Support order" means an order entered by the circuit court for the payment of support in a sum certain, whether in the form of a lump sum or a periodic payment.

(k) "Title IV-D" means part D of title IV of the social security act, 42 USC 651 to 655, 656 to 657, 658a to 660, and 663 to 669b.

(l) "Title IV-D agency" means that term as defined in section 2 of the support and parenting time enforcement act, MCL 552.602.

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